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Let's Hear From
Government

MR Lawrence Kadourie and the Hon John Keswick, with their contrasting points of view, have succeeded in reawakening to some degree public interest in the pros and cons of a harbour tunnel. The protagonists appear to be pretty equally divided and no substantial balance of popular opinion, either for or against, is yet visible.

One thing can be stated with certainty: the community will shrink from any proposal that the building of a tunnel be financed by means of increased taxation, no matter how attractive, desirable or even necessary such a project.

Opponents of the scheme have in the main directed their warnings and criticisms against the heavy capital cost, arguing also that the ultimate benefits to the public will not be commensurate. This view is not easy to assimilate. Any major improvement in communications must be a valuable asset to the Colony; and a harbour tunnel comes within this category.

BOILED down to essentials the question of a tunnel revolves around two considerations: Is it a necessity? Can the Colony afford it? It is not, of this moment, a necessity, but it might fairly be regarded as such in the future. In these days a community demands and expects all possible facilities for mobility and rapid transportation, and because the Colony is going to become more and more urbanised, those demands will become more urgent.

A tunnel would not merely mean linking the city of Victoria with Tsingtao, but would directly connect the island with all parts of Kowloon and the New Territories. To this extent it would revolutionise the Colony's transport system and increase very considerably the mobility of the whole community.

The practical assets of a harbour tunnel can hardly be disputed, and the real bone of contention is whether the Colony can financially afford the project. Here disputation becomes more pronounced, and some sort of opinion from Government would be helpful. In fact an expression of Government's attitude to the scheme generally would not come amiss. To date officialdom has kept very quiet, contenting itself with laying before the public, without comment, the experts' report on how a tunnel could be constructed under the harbour.

WE believe Government should now express itself on the scheme, more particularly its financial aspect. A tunnel is not the only major development project under consideration, and because of this the question of priority becomes important.

Still awaiting a further official report is the proposal to construct reservoirs on Lantau and the piping of water supplies from them to Hong Kong island. This is a scheme, we suggest, which far outweighs in importance to the community a harbour tunnel.

Water being our most needed commodity, any undertaking which promises to help provide fully for those needs must be given preference. And as the Lantau scheme must be costly, it is hardly conceivable the Exchequer could simultaneously finance it and the construction of a harbour tunnel.

The public would appreciate and welcome an official statement concerning Government's view-

"Communism The Liberator? Then Where Is Freedom?" EDEN REBUKES SOVIET CHIEFS

Reply To Statements In Burma And India

TORY AND LABOUR MPs CHEER PM's CRITICISM

London, Dec. 12.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, tonight described as "fantastic" statements made by the Soviet leaders now visiting India.

Winding up a debate in the House of Commons on the Middle East he referred to speeches made by Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev during their Indian tour, and said: "We are told we are the wicked colonialists in Asia and that communism is the liberator.

"Is that really true anywhere on this earth today?" asked Sir Anthony amid cheers from both sides of the house.

"It is true that fundamentally Communist policy aims at world domination. How then can there be real co-existence between Russia and ourselves since we will never accept communism or that the parliamentary system we be-

I was trying to do was to make both sides of this dispute realise they could not go on as they are at this very hour with the danger of war increasing and that they must turn their minds to peace.

"I do not regret one word of what I said or draw back from the motives I had in mind.

"We believe the possibility of settlement does exist. We and the United States are in agreement on this and on the urgency with which the effort must be made."

The Prime Minister reaffirmed the government's adherence to the tripartite agreement with the US and France and said Britain was ready to carry out joint with her allies any action necessary to "assist Israel if she were attacked or assist an Arab country if attacked by Israel."

"While I am ready at all times for discussion, abuse of our friends only strengthens our loyalty and abuse of our enemies only strengthens our determination and the world ought to have learnt that by now."

Sir Anthony Eden said: "It would be a mistake for any country to try to found a foreign policy on the belief that the free world needs to crave co-existence."

On the Arab-Israeli dispute the Prime Minister said: "I believe a settlement is essential and the need for a settlement more urgent than ever in the interests of both parties."

"I think that is about a true assessment of the situation."

The Prime Minister said the position for both parties in the Arab-Israeli dispute was one of the "utmost danger."

If attempts were not made to get negotiations going and get the minds on to the thought of the possibility of peace "then the whole of that area can at any time flare up into a blaze the consequences of which none of us can fathom."—Reuters.

BEN GURION PROPOSES CHRISTMAS DAY PEACE TALKS WITH NASSER

New York, Dec. 12. The World Telegram and the Sun today printed an interview with the Israeli Premier, Mr David Ben-Gurion in which he suggested that he and Egyptian Premier Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser meet on Christmas Day to discuss peace between their countries. The story, written by staff correspondent William Longgood under a Jerusalem dateline, said, in part:

"Premier Ben-Gurion suggested they meet at Kilometer 85, where the United Nations mixed armistice commission meets, halfway between the Egyptian and Israeli lines, or in Geneva."

SEVEN POINTS

The Premier said the time, place and date were suggestions and he would abide by Col. Nasser's preference." Longgood said Ben-Gurion also made the following points:

"Unless a peace settlement comes, he believes Egypt

may attack Israel within five or six months.

★ Israel won't make war unless attacked.

★ Israel will continue to meet force with force.

★ Col. Nasser is the only Arab leader with enough strength to make peace with Israel.

★ Israel still expects to get arms from the West and believes that would insure peace in the Middle East.

★ External pressure has nothing to do with Israel's decision not to start a so-called preventive war."

★ Israel doesn't seek "an inch more territory, nor will it give up an inch of its own territory."

Longgood said Ben-Gurion proposed the direct peace talks after he was told of the writer's recent interview with Col. Nasser in which the latter said he thought the United Nations would be the proper negotiator between the two countries.

"At the proposed meeting, I think a great deal of the mis-

New US Pleas To Taipei

New York, Dec. 12.

The United States is still trying to persuade the Nationalists to refrain from voting the admission of Outer Mongolia to the United Nations, a spokesman for the American United Nations delegation said today.

"But I do not see any change in their position or signs of change," he told reporters.

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Dry Christmas For Durham

Durham, Dec. 12.

Half a million people in County Durham are gloomily contemplating a "black Christmas" this year because of the worst water shortage in the area for 10 years.

More people in Durham will be forced to go without water for the first time in living memory.

Planes To Have "Cat's Eyes"

Baltimore, Dec. 12.

The US Air Force announced today it now had a "cat's eye" optical amplifier which made it possible to see clearly in the dark.

This electronic device, a thousand times more sensitive than a television camera, will permit planes to fly at night without the aid of searchlights.

RELAX IN DAKS
THE RUMBLE DUMBLE
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DEMONSTRATIONS—THEN
MASS ROUND-UP

371 Reds
Arrested
In Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 12. West Berlin police tonight detained 371 Communists after a demonstration in the French sector of the city was broken up by baton charges and water hoses.

Two policemen were injured in the clashes with an estimated 1,400 Communists who had entered the sector to protest against a meeting they claimed was being held by the right-wing Stahlhelm (steel helmet) veterans organisation.

They came from railway and underground stations to demonstrate outside a restaurant in which they thought the Stahlhelm were meeting. But the meeting had been cancelled because of week-long East Berlin calls through radio and the press for workers to "protest against the Fascists."

Most of those detained were youths from Communist-controlled East Berlin.

TRIAL OF STRENGTH

Police described the incident as "the biggest Communist trial of strength" since the threats by Herr Friedrich Ebert, Communist Lord Mayor of East Berlin, earlier this month to "create democratic conditions in all parts of the city" and to "choose the militarists out of West Berlin."

Herr Ebert's statement followed a declaration by General P. A. Dibrova, Soviet commandant in Berlin that East Berlin was no longer occupied but considered the capital of a "sovereign" East Germany.

Alarmed by the continued calls from East Berlin, West Berlin police had put a tight cordon around the restaurant and stationed about 200 men, including special anti-riot squads, in the adjacent streets near the Soviet sector boundary.

A still larger number of police stood by.—Reuters.

Agreements Reached

London, Dec. 12. Singapore's Chief Minister, Mr David Marshall, tonight reached "some tentative agreements" with Colonial Secretary Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd after his first meeting.

He announced this after a 90-minute discussion with the Colonial Secretary—the first of a series of consultations he will have with Mr Lennox-Boyd this week, designed to examine Mr Marshall's request for internal self-government for the colony by 1957.—Reuters.

WHO WILL IT BE?

Gaitskell Or Morrison Labour MPs Send In Their Votes

London, Dec. 12.

Balloting began today for the vacant leadership of the British Labour party with most Socialists tonight convinced the prize and with it the chance of future Premiership will go to Mr Hugh Gaitskell, 49, right-wing intellectual.

With the result due to be announced on Wednesday few politicians can see either of the rival candidates—Mr Herbert Morrison, 67, deputy Party chief and Mr Aneurin Bevan, 58, strident left-winger—overaking Mr Gaitskell.

Left-wingers anxious to see Mr Bevan come out on top but with little hope he will do so, joined other sections of the party tonight in forecasts that Mr Gaitskell may emerge with at least 140 votes—that is with a majority over the combined total of his two rivals. This would make him leader.

None was prepared to say with confidence whether Mr Morrison or Mr Bevan would win second.

STRAIGHT FIGHT

If Mr Gaitskell is first but without a majority over his two rivals' combined poll, a second secret ballot will be held. The candidate with fewest votes in the first ballot will then be dropped, leaving a straight fight between the other two.

Some Parliamentarians believe Mr Morrison will give the best account of himself if a second ballot is forced.

They say that if Mr Bevan is at the bottom of the poll in the original contest, his supporters will switch to Mr Morrison in the second ballot.

By then Labour sentiment easily swayed may also swing a few of Mr Gaitskell's supporters over to the veteran Socialists, they also argue.—Reuters.

Searching of Cyprus Monasteries

MAKARIOS ATTACKS 'BARBAROUS ACTION'

Nicosia, Dec. 12. Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Cypriot campaign for union with Greece, today described a recent search of monasteries by British troops as a "barbarous action" which "constitutes shame on the British government."

He said "the sanctity of holy places was violated with a total lack of respect."

[After the raids on the monasteries an official British announcement said: "the searches were carried out with due regard to religious susceptibilities and a priest was present in every case before the searches began."]

[Eight arrests were made and some weapons and a small quantity of explosives were found during the sweep.]

ABSOLUTELY FUTILE

In a brief reference to the present political situation, Archbishop Makarios said: "If Britain knew Greek history well, she would understand that it is absolutely futile to try to eternity colonial rule on the island."

"Only recently has Britain started to face facts and talks were heard in the House of Commons about a just and honourable solution for the Cyprus question."

"But Britain obviously has a different understanding from ours as to what is just and honourable. The only just and honourable solution is self-determination of the Cypriot people. mere recognition of the Cypriots' theoretical right to

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Leaps Info Volcano

Tokyo, Dec. 12. Oshima Island's once notorious "Sulfide Volcano" claimed its second victim in 11 months and second victim of the year.

This Wednesday device, a thousand times more sensitive than a television camera, will permit planes to fly at night without the aid of searchlights.

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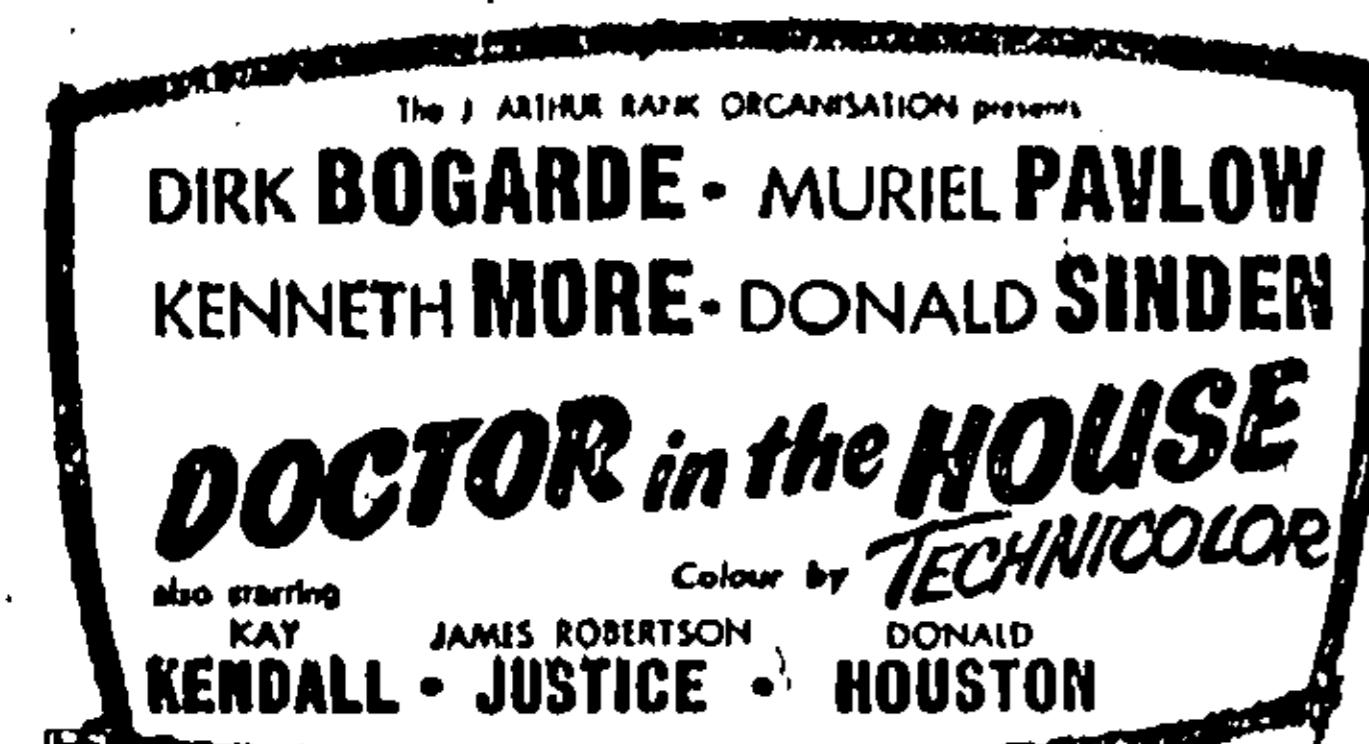
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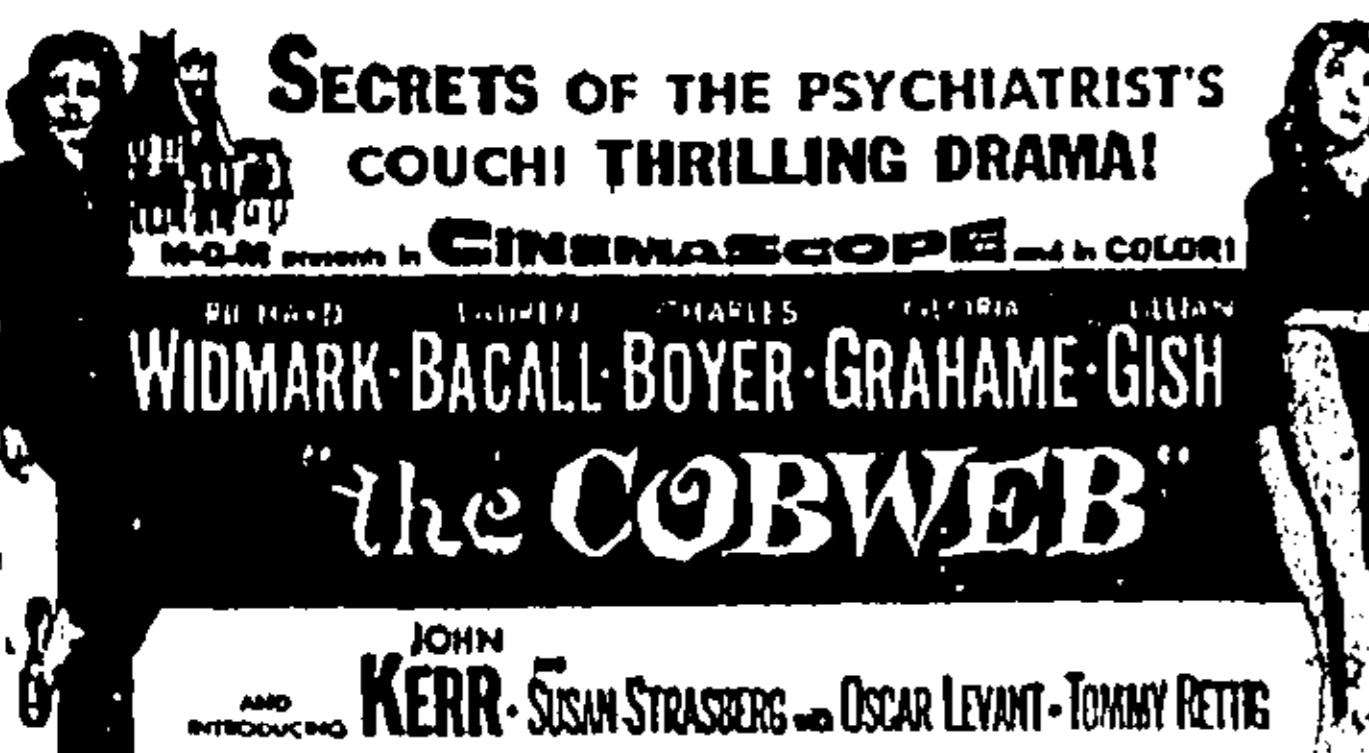
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Portugal Would Defend Goa

DETERMINED TO REMAIN IN INDIAN ENCLAVE

Ottawa, Dec. 12.

Dr Paulo Cunha, Foreign Minister of Portugal, said today his country would defend Goa if it was attacked by India.

He said that Portugal alone could not possibly win a war with India over possession of Goa.

"I do not believe that India will attempt to take Goa by force, he said.

Contract For Part Of Satellite

Washington, Dec. 12.

The Navy today awarded a contract for construction of part of the huge rocket that will hurl an earth-circling satellite vehicle into outer space.

The contract went to Aerojet General Corp. of Azusa, California, which specializes in rocket engine research and production.

It will design and build a liquid rocket motor for the second stage of the three-stage rocket vehicle which will blast the satellite about 200 miles above the earth's surface during the 1957-58 International Geophysical Year.

First Stage

The first stage of the rocket will be built by Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore, Maryland, which was previously awarded the prime contract for the launching vehicle.

The contract for the third stage of the launching vehicle, which will contain the small satellite itself, has not yet been awarded.

The Navy announcement disclosed that the first-stage rocket, which will blast the satellite off the earth's surface, will be a modified and improved Viking rocket, built by Martin.

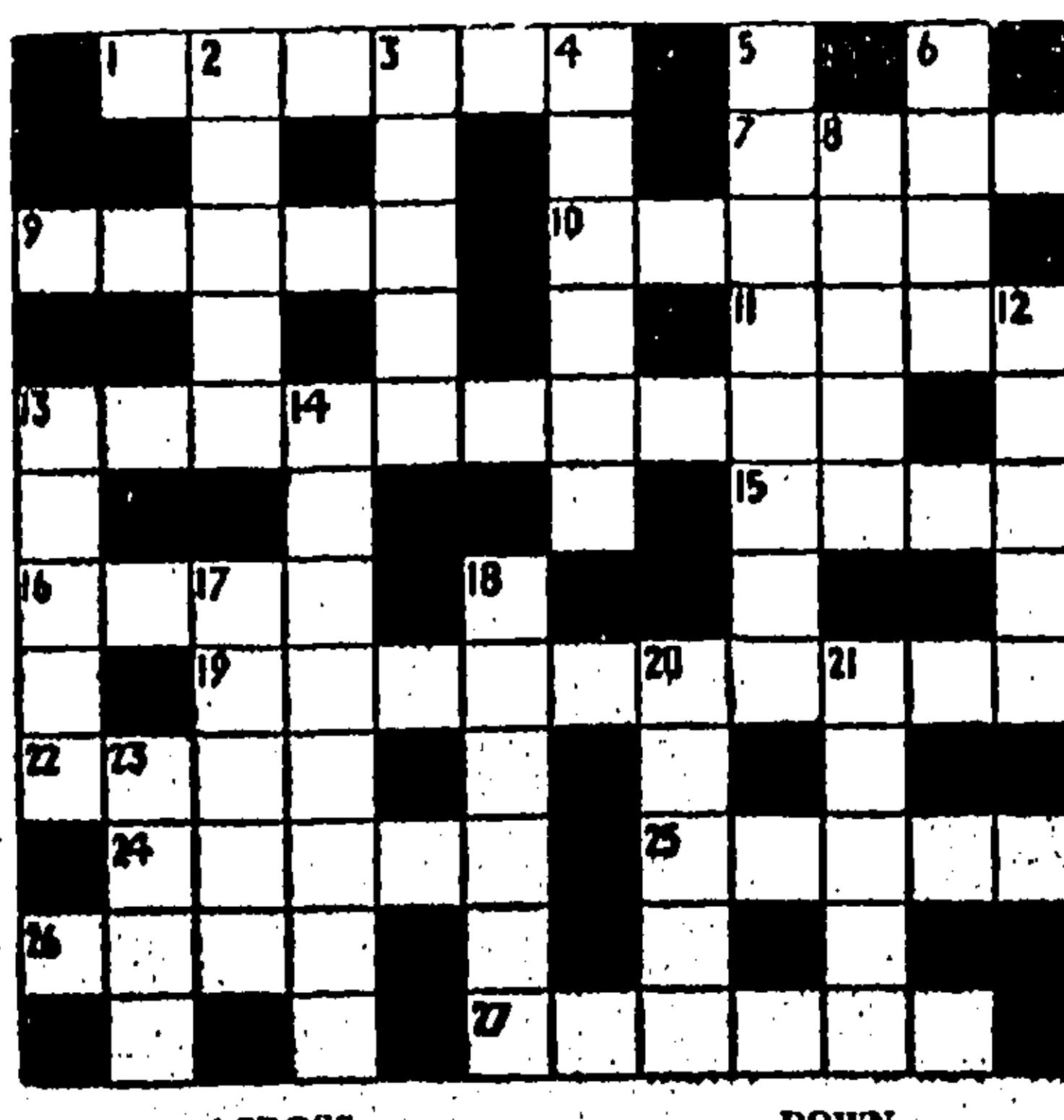
The Viking holds the world's altitude record for a single-stage rocket of 159 miles, set in May, 1954.

More Efficient

The major improvement for the Viking launching rocket, the Navy said, will be a more efficient rocket motor now being developed by the General Electric Co.

The first earth satellite is due to be launched sometime in 1957-58 as part of US participation in the International Geophysical Year. US scientists hope eventually to shoot about 10 of the satellites into outer space during this period. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



TESTED DAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Lubricate (6). 2 Peals (5). 3 Scent (5). 4 Make certain of (6). 5 Motionless (6). 6 Musical key (4). 7 Set straight (6). 8 Joint part (8). 12 Exclude (8). 14 Plastered (8). 17 Flower (6). 18 Feverish (6). 20 Elegance (6). 21 Custom (8). 23 Among (4). 25 Boxes (6). 26 Sustained (6). 27 Boxes (6). 28 Sustained (6). 29 Sustained (6). 30 Sustained (6). 31 Sustained (6). 32 Sustained (6). 33 Sustained (6). 34 Sustained (6). 35 Sustained (6). 36 Sustained (6). 37 Sustained (6). 38 Sustained (6). 39 Sustained (6). 40 Sustained (6). 41 Sustained (6). 42 Sustained (6). 43 Sustained (6). 44 Sustained (6). 45 Sustained (6). 46 Sustained (6). 47 Sustained (6). 48 Sustained (6). 49 Sustained (6). 50 Sustained (6). 51 Sustained (6). 52 Sustained (6). 53 Sustained (6). 54 Sustained (6). 55 Sustained (6). 56 Sustained (6). 57 Sustained (6). 58 Sustained (6). 59 Sustained (6). 60 Sustained (6). 61 Sustained (6). 62 Sustained (6). 63 Sustained (6). 64 Sustained (6). 65 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THE BRAIN BEHIND THE MOTOR CAR REVOLUTION

By LES ARMOUR

HARRY FEEGUSON is lean, bespectacled, earnest, ascetic. He looks and talks like a university professor. But he acts with the self-assurance and daring bravado of a bull fighter with an atom bomb in his pocket.

He is an incurable idealist and he is a fantastically successful business man. He eludes all the fixed categories: just when you have neatly enumerated all his qualities he leaps up again in new guise like a man in the distorting mirrors of fun fair.

His first love was airplanes; his latest is automobiles. But he made millions—no one can say just how many millions—out of tractors.

You could almost say he became a millionaire by accident—you would say it if it weren't for the fact you have a shrewd suspicion that real life doesn't ever provide plots quite like those of the brothers Grimm. It happened like this:

Harry Ferguson was born 71 years ago in Ireland. He grew up in Belfast with the automobile. He was still in his teens when he opened his first business: selling and servicing cars and motor-cycles.

The Hard Way

ON various occasions he was forced to make parts for the cars he was repairing. For Belfast was a long way from the then tiny centres of the motor industry, and the customers tended to get impatient.

Several times he discovered that by making the new part slightly different from the old he could effect an improvement. He learned the principles of engine design the hard way—by trial and error.

If Bleriot hadn't flown the English Channel in 1909, Ferguson's career might have been very different. But Bleriot stimulated his imagination and when, the same year, the Paris

Exhibition of Aviation was opened, Ferguson determined to go to it.

He came home with a new ambition: to build an airplane. In those days it was hard enough to build an airplane anywhere: in Belfast it was next to impossible. But Ferguson was determined.

Within a few months he had what looked like a monoplane. He wasn't sure that it would fly and he had one big problem: he couldn't calculate the balance.

"I had to balance the machine before it would fly," he says. And then he adds,

Basically the modern motor car differs little from its rattling progenitor. From an internal combustion engine power is transmitted mechanically to the rear driving wheels. Britain announces a complete breakaway; a fluid-turbine powered vehicle. Behind it is an inventive genius and self-made millionaire — Harry Ferguson (above).

"But I had to fly it to discover how to balance it."

He did. He made a name for himself with it. After all, it was Ireland's first airplane.

The public paid off, though not quite in the way Ferguson had hoped.

In 1914, with the outbreak of the First World War, the Irish Department of Agriculture realised that the first effect of the German blockade would be to transform Ireland from a bohemian, backward agricultural area which could barely keep itself alive into an area which would make the difference between success and starvation to the British people.

They thought that mechanisation might turn the balance. And they bought up hundreds of tractors.

Trouble was that Ireland had very few mechanics—and tractors in the hands of men who had often as not never seen a tractor before were bound to need repairing.



States between 1925 and 1929. By 1935, he had perfected the "Ferguson System" for multi-purpose tractors.

His tractors were light, cheap and easily converted to any imaginable job.

In England, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, he built and sold 1,250 of them. Then, in 1938, he took his perfected tractor back to the United States and showed it to Henry Ford. He and Ford came to an agreement: Ferguson would supply the brains, Ford the mass production technique.

They built and sold 300,000 tractors between 1938 and 1947. Ferguson grew enormously rich, and Ford added new riches to old.

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And now that he has Sir Miles Thomas—the man who made BOAC hum—with him, he may well pull it off.

Meanwhile he lives on his 6,000-acre farm in Stoke-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, directing operations. He still dresses every night for dinner, maintains a stock of the best cigars and a first class wine cellar and lives in gracious ease. But he smokes hardly at all—he won't even tolerate a cigarette in the room with him, drinks less and eats sparingly.

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THAT agreement was on paper.

Then Henry Ford died. Henry Ford II went on using—and expanding—Ferguson's discoveries. But there was a hitch.

Ferguson charged that the original agreement had been broken. Henry Ford II said no such agreement existed.

Ferguson sued for £83 million and set up his own plant in Detroit.

He didn't get the £80 million from Ford but Ford did settle the remaining £3 million and made it three million guineas. Moreover, Ford agreed to stop using Ferguson's patents.

The litigation took four years before Ford broke down and agreed to settle.

Never Happy

BUT Harry Ferguson was never happy running his own production line. It took up too much time better spent dreaming.

By that time he had political dreams, too. He argued that if the British Government, for instance, gave up nationalising the steel industry and spent the money lost on revolutionising agriculture the Ferguson way, there would be prosperity around the corner for everyone.

He took full page advertisements in the national newspapers at several thousand pounds a throw to crusade for industrial efficiency.

He saw the politico-economic scene in simple terms of black and white—as though it were an engineering problem. Nothing at all came of his crusade and he withdrew from politics as quickly as he had entered.

For the general election of 1955, despite television—the effect of which (apart from Sir Anthony Eden's undoubted success) still remains uncertain—was a dull business.

True, it was the first occasion of modern times when a party in power has actually increased its majority, but there were in general few issues, no scares or stunts, and little to make it memorable.

Nevertheless Mr Butler's book is well worth reading.

Another Dream

BUT he wasn't through with his efforts on behalf of misguided humanity.

He had another dream. This was about automobiles. He had the chance to turn out a revolutionary "People's Car" and he saw the chance to do a good turn for his fellow countrymen, too. In Belfast unemployment was, and is, rife. If he could make it another Detroit he could solve his problem.

To give him time and to expand his business at the same time, he did a deal with Massey-Harris—the world's other great tractor making firm, run by Canada's Governor-General Vincent Massey.

He merged his firm with Massey-Harris. He got roughly a quarter interest in the combined firm. Massey-Harris took over the management and he took over design and engineering. To even things up, Ferguson became chairman of the combined company.

Shortly afterwards he sold out nearly his whole interest for £8 million.

He had decided that he needed the liquid capital for his new car project.

The move indicated a sharp turnaround in his thinking. As recently as 1948 he had urged American auto makers to slow down car making so that they could make more tractors.

WHAT the world really needed, he said, was an agricultural revolution. Cars were merely trills. Tractors would work for it.

But it seemed that he had decided that humanity would not save itself and the best he could do was to help to make life a little more tolerable.

The new car was to have a completely automatic gear system, no brakes, four-wheel steering so it could go sideways, four-wheel drive so it would go anywhere and an engine which worked off fluid turbine drive.

It was to usher in a revolution. Ferguson's plan was—and is—to do the kind of deal he did with his tractors: get someone to make them under license while he conducted the research and pioneered the design. It looks now as though the

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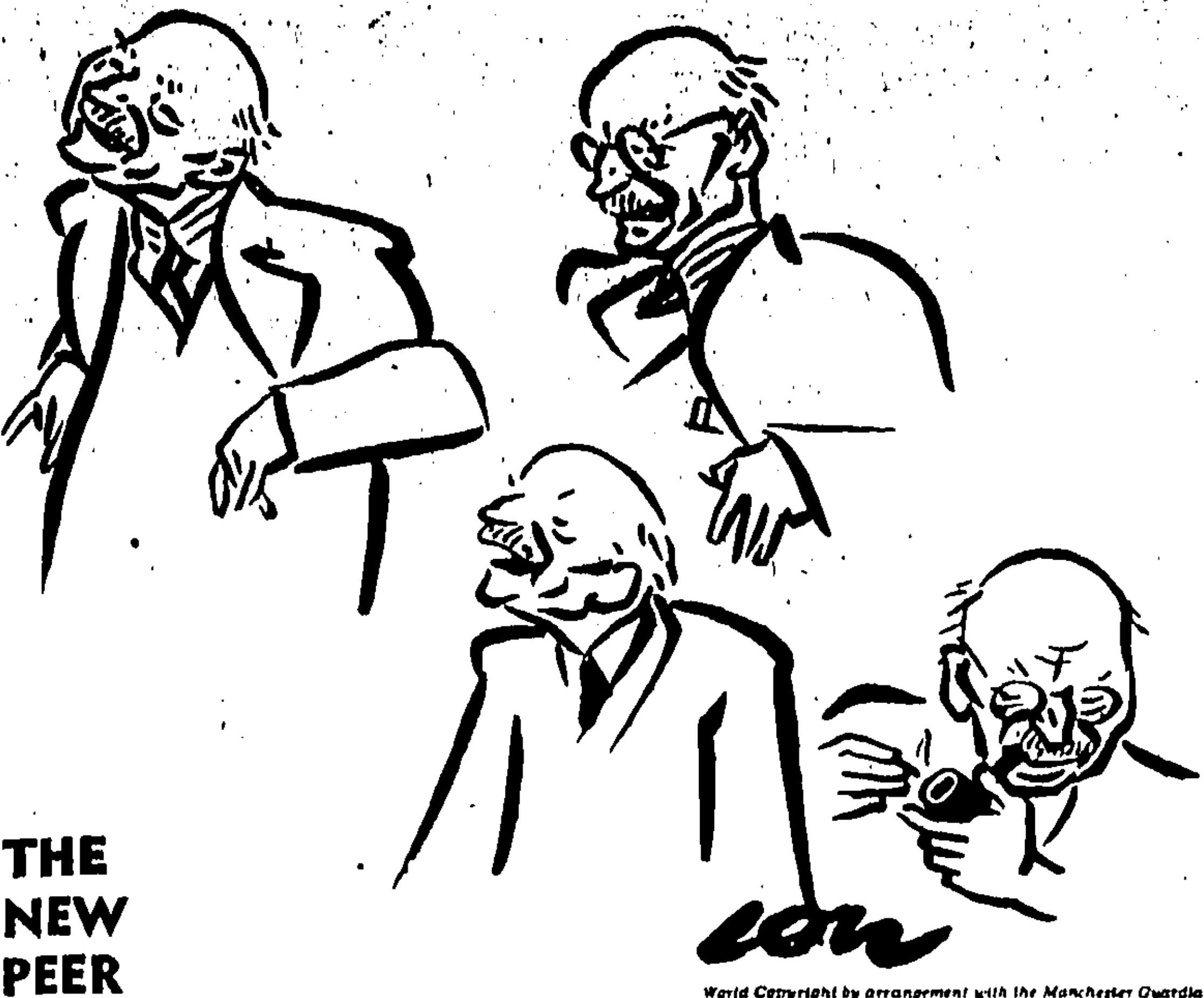
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THE OTHER MR BUTLER TOTS UP

WHY DID THE SOCIALISTS LOSE THE LAST ELECTION?

By ROBERT BLAKE

State. Unemployment will rocket."

None of these dire predictions came true.

No doubt even in 1951 few people genuinely believed that Sir Winston Churchill would precipitate a third world war, but quite a number may have sincerely feared a decline in full employment and a reduction in social benefits.

Kill-jays

Three and a half years of Tory rule effectively showed that these fears were ill-founded. Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden have successfully dispelled, one hopes for ever, the absurd myth that the Tories were a party of hard-faced business men banting upon the impoverished workers.

They were helped in their task by the attitude of their opponents, who did little to avoid the appearance of being doctrinaire kill-jays who hampered after rationing and controls out of love of drabness for drabness's sake.

Boomerang

The truth is that, despite all that has been written on this important subject, no one really knows for certain why people change their allegiance or abstain from voting—why, in fact, parties lose or gain power.

Mr Butler is far too shrewd to suppose that "sophistry" supplies the answers.

It is, however, reasonable to guess that the Tory victory of 1955 was partly the result of national prosperity, partly a "boomerang" consequence of the Socialist scares of 1951: "Whose finger on the trigger? The Tories will destroy the Welfare

How far did "sophistry" itself affect the election? Do public opinion polls actually have repercussions on the way people vote? Mr. Butler comfortingly concludes that despite the stentorian cry of our modern Cobbett, Mr. A. J. P. Taylor "Down with Sophistry" it really makes very little difference.

Opinion polls

Opinion polls were certainly accurate, the Daily Express being nearest, within 0.8 percent of the final figures for all three parties.

But these figures mask a number of results which defied the general trend, especially in that well-known home of lost causes, the county of Norfolk.

Admittedly the uniformly well-drilled partisan battalions had done much to destroy the fun of General Elections.

But it is agreeable to know that, even in this sedate mid-20th century, someone can stand for the second time on a programme of legalised cock-fighting and home rule for Cumberland and increase his deposit.

NO USE FOR THEM

COMMUNIST "GIFT WAR" IN ASIA EXPOSED

By JAMES WICKENDEN

WESTERN experts are measuring the dangers of the Russian "gift war" in Asia, where Bulgaria and Krushchev are now on tour.

Russia and her satellites have begun offering lorries, oil-gear power stations, cables, cement, and many other goods on a big scale to the whole of mainland Asia except Pakistan, Siam and Southern Vietnam.

But the West will make no immediate counter-move.

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And the general effect of "dumping" is to dislocate normal trade channels. The West is aware that the Japanese are already complaining of Chinese sales of paper, medicines and cotton goods in Asia at below cost.

These same goods came from Russia and are liked by Li Chien, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, as those which will materially improve our people's livelihood.

In fact, the Chinese are getting rid of Russian goods they have found no use for.

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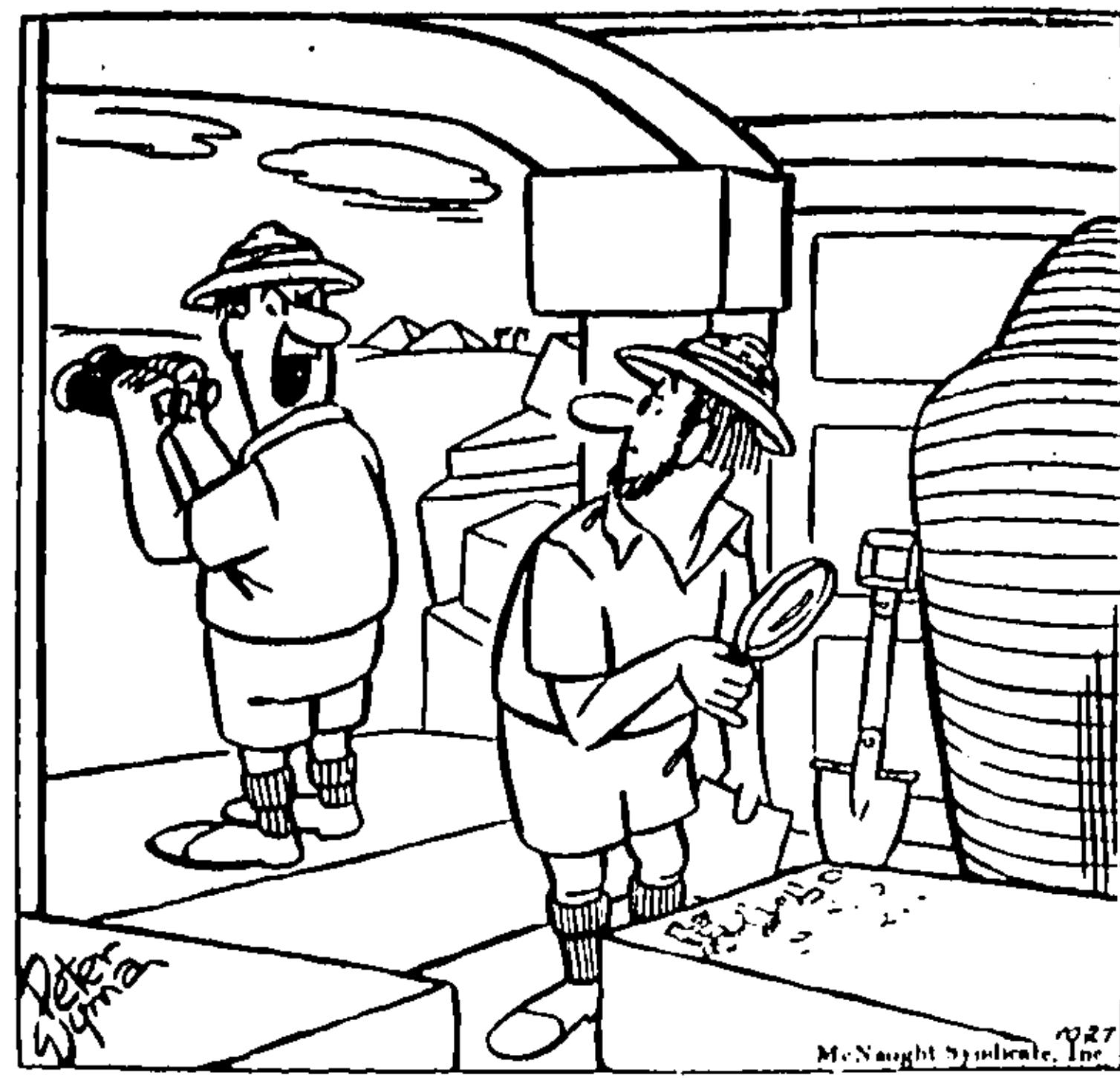
By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in the recent National Championships in Chicago, several experts played the hand at three no-trump and had the humiliation of losing the first five heart tricks. The good bidders played the hand at five clubs, but not all of them made that excellent contract.

The opening lead was the Jack of hearts at all tables, and the suit was continued. South ruffing the second round, South declarers baled the Jack of spades after drawing trumps, and felt behaved when this finesse unaccountably lost to the queen. These players lost a spade, a heart, and a diamond, one trick to many for the contract.

The proper play is demonstrated by George E. Felt, 54, of Atlanta, local a competitor new come to expert bridge circles. He has the reason to take the lead in the pipe when he was sure to get two fakes. He had assessed the

This Funny World



"I told you this tomb had a curse on it.
Here come my wife and her mother!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

NORTH 10
♦ K 9 3
♦ 8 6 5
♦ A 8 4
♦ K 7 2

WEST 10
♦ Q 6
♦ J 10 9 12
♦ 7 5 3 2
♦ 6 4

SOUTH 10
♦ A 4 3
♦ 7
♦ K 10 6
♦ A Q 10 8 3

North-South vul.

EAST (D)
♦ A 10 8 7 5 2
♦ K 10 9 12
♦ A Q 9 3
♦ 7 5 3 2
♦ 6 4

Opening lead-- ♦ J

After ruffing the second heart, Foerster drew two rounds of spades, ruffed dummy's last heart, and cashed the top diamonds. He got out with the diamond that he was sure to lose sooner or later, allowing East to win the trick.

East had to lead a spade, of course, since another heart return would have given declarer a ruff and a discard. Foerster played a low spade from his hand, and West's queen was trapped. No further finesse was necessary.

The first late thus turned out to be enough, but Foerster wasn't completely dependent on catching the queen of spades in this way. If only the ten of spades had appeared on the first round, he would have won with dummy's king of spades and would still have been in position to try the normal finesse to the queen.

• CARD Sense •

— The bidding has been: West North East South West 1 Heart 1 Spade Pass? You, South, hold: ♠ K 8 ♠ 5 4 2 ♠ A K Q J 9 4 ♠ K 3 What do you do?

— Bid three diamonds. You intend to raise to game in spades if North can rebid his suit. You will pass three no-trump. Otherwise you will push on to game in diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass 1 N.T. Pass? You, South, hold: ♠ A Q 9 8 5 ♠ 6 3 ♠ J 10 3 ♠ 4 7 2 What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

MAY 39,425 cartloads of laundries were sent away with me if I am not seen by the new stainless cocktail dress.

The material, I read, has most drapes that are not ready to be dry-cleaned. You can throw them up to cocktails all over herself and everybody else without the least embarrassment. It promises to be such fun that vintners are already making cheap brands of drink for throwing purposes, like the famous Throwing Port of Bally. You can also drink more research, wine merchants and chemists may combine to produce a chemical that can either be drunk or to treat clothes.

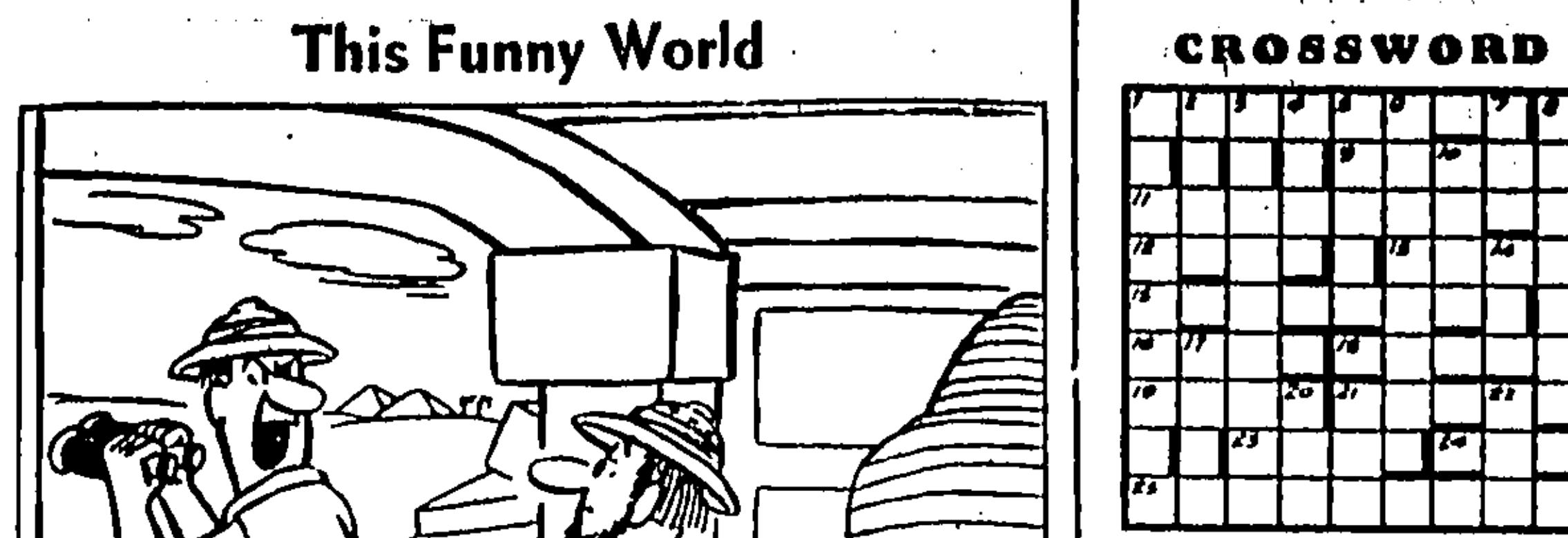
(TOMORROW: How to reorganise capital on an attractive basis.)

If I may

A CRITIC complains that in a recent production of a Wagner opera the words were inaudible. If you, Jacob, are a Wagnerite, like I am, you could be found making the music inaudible. A Wagner night would be a peaceful beyond the dreams of avance.

A new Snibbo product

THE Snibbo oil-purpose drink, Snibbo, can be used to stain



1. Address the cublo centimetre as the square centimetre. (8)
2. He backs stage shows. (8)
3. Pull up by the roots. (9)
4. The sapper follows the artist. (8)
5. How he — to her husband. (4)
6. Said Shaw. (4)
7. Said Barrie. (6)
8. Fallen for a dim. (4)
9. Trim in Edwardian novels. (8)
10. It sets on the Wembley roar. (4)
11. A long road that never does this. (8)
12. They set down to the bottom of the bottle. (4)
13. Tenor and soprano may be. (8)
14. To eat. (6)

Down
1. Bag (or purse). (9)
2. Girl in the decoration. (4)
3. A coach. R.L.B. (sung). (9)
4. I'd get among the first two. (8)
5. He's linked with a singer in a club. (8)
6. Pen return. (4)
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8. One up! (4)
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FIRST 100 HOME IN SATURDAY'S CROSS COUNTRY

The following were the first 100 home in Saturday's Colony and Land Forces Cross Country Championships at San Wan. It was quite an achievement to be in the first 100 as more than 200 completed the course.

There are four names missing between the 80th and 104th places and we regret that the order of finish is incorrect here, but that was the fault of individual recorders and it appears that at least one runner was recorded as having finished twice, but this error did not affect the finishing order of any of the teams.

Placings here are not as those given in the team score sheets as individual entries finishing in the first 100 are listed.

1. 1st MAJ H. H. Page Royal Navy
2. Pte. J. F. Joyce N. Staffs
3. Lt. P. J. R. Alderton Essex
4. Gnr. M. B. S. Pollock 123 Locy
5. Sgt. A. J. Smith Kings Own
6. Sgt. K. Keegan 2 Ed Regt
7. Lt. R. Birch Essex
8. Hrn. Dillahudun Thapa 27
9. Lt. Col. A. H. Northampton
10. Gnr. W. G. 131 Locy Bty
11. Hgt. R. Jones Own
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43 Teams Quoted In English FA Cup Callover

London, Dec. 12. Forty-three teams were quoted after a busy callover on the Football Association Cup at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Prices ranged from 9-1 against Sunderland to 5,000-1 against the non-League team, Bedford, who visit Arsenal for the third round.

Next in Sunderland came Manchester United, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Portsmouth at 100-8.

Sunderland jumped from third to top place in the betting after being quoted 100 to nine in the first callover on November 11. They are at home to Third Division Norwich City in the third round, the draw for which was made today.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, favourites at the first callover, dropped slightly in the betting. They are at home to West Bromwich Albion in an all-Midland clash in the third round.

Best backed were Sunderland and the 20-1 chance, Luton Town, both supported to win about £12,000 sterling. Most of those quoted though were backed for good money, and among the outsiders, Sheffield United had support to win £10,000 sterling.

Sheffield United are at home to Third Division club Barrow in the next round.

Newcastle United, last year's winners and away to Sheffield Wednesday in the next round, are quoted at 22-1.

Arsenal dropped slightly to 20-1 and Tottenham Hotspur, who meet Boston United, "great killers" of the second round, dropped from the 50's to 33-1.

Boston, another non-League side, beat Third Division Derby County 6-1 in the second round. They were offered at 2,500 to one.

Outside the First Division the shortest odds were 100-1.

Odds quoted were: 9-1 against Sunderland.

100-8 Manchester United, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Portsmouth.

100-7 Bolton Wanderers.

100-6 Charlton Athletic, Preston North End.

18-1 Burnley.

20-1 Arsenal and Chelsea.

22-1 Manchester City, Everton, Newcastle United.

25-1 Blackpool, West Bromwich Albion, Luton Town.

28-1 Birmingham.

33-1 Tottenham Hotspur.

40-1 Sheffield United, Aston Villa.

66-1 Huddersfield, Cardiff City.

100-1 Bristol City, Sheffield Wednesday, Liverpool.

125-1 Bristol Rovers, Leeds United.

150-1 Leicester City.

200-1 West Ham United.

250-1 Bury.

1000-1 Norwich City, Halifax Town, Burton, Hull City.

1500-1 Hartlepools, Accrington Stanley.

2000-1 Shrewsbury, Torquay United, Southport, Grimsby Town.

2500-1 Barrow, Boston.

3000-1 Bedford—China Mail Special.

LIMBERING UP



Lofthouse (right), the England centre-forward who made a dramatic attempt to get himself fit following a pulled muscle, pictured with Finney in training for the England versus Spain match played on November 30. England won 4-1.—Central Express Photo.

Police Did Not Deserve To Win This Match

Says "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening the Club "B", playing throughout with only fourteen men, went under to the Police by 12 points (3 tries 1 dropped goal) to 5 points (1 goal) under the floodlights in a match which the Police did not deserve to win.

The Club "B", playing with only seven men in the forwards, lost the ball in the set scrums where the weight of the Police pack gave the latter a decided advantage.

The Police also won the line-outs, for they at least jumped for the ball while the Club seemed rooted to the ground.

But behind the scrums there was a terrible difference. The Club side when they got the ball, hit their thighs moving area, they looked dangerous at all times, though the centres were a little greedy. The Police however, were kicking. Then came the only doubtful score of the whole game. The Police had kicked ahead and the ball bounded badly caught Stone off guard, and he just managed to get it into touch about fifteen yards from the line.

Here the Police took the ball but knocked on, but the referee was unsighted and they went on to score through the Club defence who forgot to play the whistle, and waited until it was too late. It was O'Regan who touched down, 9-0.

Almost immediately after the same thing happened again. A long kick by Johnstone caught Stone off balance and from a lineout five yards from the Club line O'Regan again went through to score without a knock on this time. Again the conversion was missed, 12-0.

At last the Club three swept up the field and Valentine kicked ahead. The ball was caught by Johnstone who tried to idle for touch, but Penman charged down the kick, and gathering the ball sent Campbell over. Valentine converted 12-5.

Not by any means an inspiring game and the Police must tighten up their passing if they are going to win any future games.

Had the Club had the extra man in the lineouts the result would have been vastly different, for the Club forwards on the whole had more punch in their attacks.

It was not until the 20th minute that the Police, attacking, won a scrum on the Club 25 and the ball came back to Walker who dropped a beautiful goal from about half way out, 3-0.

After this the Club pulled up their socks and the three began to see a little of the ball and with Penman in the van nearly scored a couple of times. Valentine and Penman made great use of the scissors movement, but they used it too often and had fed their wings might have done better.

In the second half, within minutes of the kickoff the Police scored again when they caught the Club three in possession and Bryan following up well touched down the loose ball, 6-0.

DOUBTFUL SCORE

Once again the Club attacked but Johnstone invariably saved the day with some nice touches.

Jet Aircraft To Keep Olympic Track Dry

Melbourne, Dec. 12.

An aircrat jet engine will be used to help keep the Olympic track in top shape, officials said today.

The engine will be mounted on a special carrier, geared down to blow hot air at about 40 miles per hour, and will be used as a giant dryer to remove moisture from the track after rain.

Another innovation will be a special machine to mark all eight track lanes simultaneously, using plaster of paris or dental powder instead of the conventional whitewash.

United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Badminton

Executive Committee, meeting of Hongkong Badminton Association, Marina House, 5.30 p.m.

Golf

First round of Mitchell Plate at Fanling.

TOMORROW

Badminton

Inter-School matches at King's College, commencing at 6 p.m.

Soccer

Inter-Club Committee meeting, Sports Road, 5.30 p.m.

MY BOXING SECRETS

CONTINUING THE STORY NEVER TOLD BEFORE

Fight Purse Stuffed In My Shoes

By JOHNNY BEST

Whenever I hear the tune "The Yanks are Coming" I think of the stadium—that is, if I haven't been thinking of it already.

Truly, we have had all the Americans who matter here, from Joe Louis down, and when I say "down," I don't mean literally, for the latest of them, Artie Towne, is no small-timer when it comes to the demolition business. Ask Willie Armstrong and Johnny Sullivan.

The great Joe boxed a couple of exhibitions in the stadium for me and high-ranking American officers, but he was so bored with the work-out routine after a comprehensive tour of US camps in Europe, that he looked as if he couldn't have demolished paper bag.

It was all right for the uninitiated, but I tremble to think what my regular stadium followers would have had to say. They wouldn't have stopped to consider that great champion and great gentleman Joe Louis was just a tired-out boy.

There was another great American who didn't impress in his first public work-out in the stadium—probably the greatest southpaw I ever saw. Freddie Miller. That was a memorable period in our history when Freddie and his manager, late Pete Reilly, were with us.

He smiled the way he does, with screwed-up eyes, and told me in that gentle drawl of a voice "Mr. Best, I'm making no prophesies about the round, but one time tomorrow night I'm going to hit Tommy with a punch he'll never see the start and finish of, and that'll be the finish of Tommy."

It was just as he said, but it was only afterwards that I learned the inside of that story. Freddie had received a cable from Pete telling him, as he had won his first fight with Watson on points, to make it a points win again and take no chances trying for a knock-out.

But another great fight manager, Al Lippe, had turned up in town with a couple of fighters, and when he got around to talking about the Miller-Watson return had asked a couple of racing men in his hotel what the odds were about Miller winning by a knock-out. The racing men, so confident of Watson's guile and strength, said "Five to one." Al took them.

Another promoter offered Reilly the return match and Pete immediately consulted me. I told him to go right ahead, and so far as I was concerned, that was the end of the matter except that, for personal reasons, I decided that I would not attend the fight, which was to be staged at a local dog-racing track.

Anyhow, some time before the fight Reilly was recalled to the States on urgent business and sailed off only on my undertaking to take Freddie into my home and look after him.

The night before the fight Freddie produced a couple of ring-side tickets and handed them to me.

I said: "But I'm not going to see the fight." He looked at me with tremendous seriousness, and said: "If you aren't coming to the fight, I'm not fighting, and that's flat."

KEY OF THE SAFE

He was a strangely compelling fellow, Miller, and he was so insistent that I sank all my prejudices and went with him. When we got inside, he said: "Come into the office," and when I demurred again, he insisted, and rather than upset him, I went. In the office of the track he produced a key.

"The key of the safe," he said with a smile, and proceeded to open the safe. Out of it he took a bundle of notes of very high denomination indeed.

"My purse," he said. "I insisted they give it to me before the fight—and the key of the safe. This is where you come in."

He made me take my shoes off, and then he stuffed the notes into the toes and flattened them on the soles.

"I'm not taking any chances of your getting your pocket picked," he said.

And so I sat throughout that second defence of his title against Tarleton with my toes literally tingling with I don't know how many hundreds of pounds. I've never been so uncomfortable in my life—at least, not that way.

A nervous chap, Miller. Before a fight he'd get into a card game in his dressing-room, and you'd have to drag him away from it to get him into the ring. "Aw, just one more hand," he'd say to the whip.

ENGLAND'S TEAM AGAINST SPAIN



Walter Winterbottom, the team manager, has a word with members of the England team against Spain on November 30. England won 4-1.—Central Express Photo.

The "Dirty" Player Today Is Not A Footballer But A Footpad

Says VERNON MORGAN

British football is suffering not only from a bad patch in the world soccer table, though may be it is rated a shade better today than it was a couple of years ago, but also from a surfeit of dirty play.

This is not just one writer's opinion, but the view of so many from the leading administrators to the British public and the soccer writers. If that were not so why is the English Football Association going to step up its campaign against unsportsmanlike behaviour. Why are gates falling and why does one writer head his article "Dirty play is ruining soccer and cheating the fans."

At the meeting of the FA Council today they will consider a strongly-worded resolution from the Instructional Committee which take a serious view of the bad examples displayed by some senior players, both professional and amateur, who persist in committing petty infringements and behave in an unsportsmanlike manner towards match officials.

The Committee are asking the Council "to take all steps possible" to stop the misconduct which is "undoubtedly undoing much of the good work carried out by the FA for the general well-being of the game."

What will the Council do? They will probably issue fresh instructions to referees to take a much more serious view of infringements, however petty, and to penalise those guilty by at least reporting them to the FA if they do not take the more drastic step of sending them off the field.

MISDEMEANOURS

They will also themselves probably instruct the Disciplinary Committee to deal much more severely than they have done in the past with players reported to them for misconduct.

It is thought that the Instructional Committee have taken good note of the splendid example set by some foreign touring teams, notably the Russians, and would like to see the English, who gave the game to the world, as well disciplined as their pupils. Some believe that the trend of schools to go over to rugby football may be influenced by bad examples set by top-class soccer players.

The varsity rugby match last week will not have helped the cause of soccer much either, for after two bad games this was a fine example of how two teams can do battle fairly and in a sporting spirit.

Foreign teams have recently gone back home saying how dirty the play is in Britain to day. That has not pleased the British administrators, jealous of the prestige of the game in the mother country.

Fact-finding missions by English sports writers have disclosed how many infringements take place weekly in the League matches. They are asking the Players Union to take steps to see that their players play the game. They are asking the public to boo bad sportsmanship just as they boo bad play. They are asking directors and managers to come down heavily on the players in their clubs who resort to mean tactics. As one writer puts it, the dirty player today is not a footballer but a footpad and should be treated accordingly.

A remarkable article calling on the English Football Association to pull out of the International Football Federation (FIFA) has appeared in the British press. It was written by Stan Seymour, the "boss" of Newcastle United.

Accusing the FIFA of "pandering to the Continentals" he wrote: "I call on the FA to pull out of FIFA while football is still a British game. If they don't we won't recognise it in a few years' time."

After asking what good could come out of a tie-up with the Continent, he attacks FIFA for

introducing the Indirect free kick, which he says is hated by everyone in Britain.

He goes on to say: "FIFA will surely pass a rule that will likely to contemplate leaving FIFA and repeat the decision of some years back. Many regretted ever having left FIFA and now they are back and very much a part of it. They would seem to be in it for good."

In spite of what Mr Seymour says, the general view is that it would be a tragedy for British football if they again left the international fold.—China Mail Special.

IN THEIR FAVOUR

He goes on to say that Continental football is not so wonderful after all and that European clubs, such as Moscow Dynamo, Honved, and Red Banner—and the rest of them—would finish nearer the bottom than the top of the English First Division.

"These Continentals like everything to be in their favour—even the rules. That is why they are tinkering with our laws. I call on everyone in British football to fight this menace."

"If the English are hopelessly bound to FIFA then I hope the Scots, the Welsh and the Irish will refuse to trail along behind them. Let us play these foreigners by all means. And let us do our best to beat them. But don't let us be their slaves."

The outspoken Mr Seymour is not likely to get much support for his plea.

Rumania Wins

London, Dec. 12. Rumania beat England by seven matches to one in a table tennis international here tonight.

Sixteen-year-old Miss Ann Haydon, who recently reached the women's singles final in the Swedish international Championships at Stockholm, was England's only winner. She beat Miss Ella Zeller 21-11, 19-21, 21-11.

Rumania's World Champion, Mrs Angelica Rozeanu, who defeated Miss Haydon at Stockholm, was in fine form. She and Miss Zeller, the World Doubles Champions, beat the former Champions, the twin sisters Mrs Rosalind Cornett and Miss Diane Rowe, 21-18, 21-14.

Mrs Rozeanu also beat Mrs Cornett in a singles match.—China Mail Special.

SPORTRAIT



"And I still say my figure eight is better formed than yours!"

London Express Service

Why Attack Ford; I Say He Is Not To Blame

By ALAN HOBY

So Trevor Ford is the bad boy, the spoilt darling, the pampered prima donna of soccer!

Because the fiery Wales and Cardiff centre-forward refuses to play inside-left for his club he is pelted with every stone in the critic's lexicon. What hypocrisy!

Before we start treating Trevor like a leper, we should at least tear away the stupid pretence that modern League football is a sport.

It is nothing of the sort. For from being a sport, it is the biggest entertainment industry in the country.

It's god is filthy lucre and, as such, it depends on its big names to pull in the cash customers.

So before you sit in smug self-righteous judgment on the "shocking" Mr Ford, put yourselves in his place for a moment as I have done.

CROWD PULLER

To kick off, the ruggedly individualistic Cardiff ace is a born crowd-puller. Although he has been involved in £20,000 worth of transfer fees, he has also raked in thousands of pounds at the turnstiles—but always as a specialist centre-forward NEVER as an inside-left...

Yet as a product of soccer's miserly star system, the highest wage he and other stars—can earn is £13 a week.

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Spaniards Reflect
On Argentina

Madrid, Dec. 12. Events in Argentina have caused some Spanish circles to reflect on what might happen here when the Franco regime ends.

The fall of President Peron caused few regrets in Spain. His anti-Catholic policy was unpopular here and there had been friction between him and Madrid authorities concerning Spain's long-standing debt to Argentina of 2,000 million pesetas (£20,000,000) for wheat and meat.

But General Lonardi's overthrow was deplored. The Falange weekly newspaper, Juventud, for instance, wrote: "Lonardi and those with him guaranteed the union of the best qualities of Argentina."

General Franco's overthrow was regarded here as the triumph of the old political groups of the pre-Peron days. The preoccupation of the supporters of the present regime is to ensure that this shall not happen in Spain on the day when General Franco no longer leads the nation.

Anticipate Events

The Monarchs consider that it would be wise to anticipate events by allowing the press to withdraws.

Supporters of the regime believe that it is strong enough to withstand the assaults which will obviously be launched by the extreme right, by the moderate Republican exiles and by the Communists when General Franco dies or withdraws.

It is assumed by the regime's supporters that General Franco has already made a secret choice of a personality to succeed him as regent until Prince Juan Carlos comes of age and ascends the throne. They believe that the hostility to this solution of the extreme right and of the Republican exiles will be of scant importance.

Red Menace

The Communist menace is seen, however, as considerable. The Communists are believed to be the only clandestine group to maintain an active underground organisation in Spain. Furthermore, Communists, infiltrated into other clandestine parties might be able to push a communist policy under moderate or even conservative banners.

At present, however, no particular fears for the future are noticeable in Spain. Although General Franco was 63 on December 4, he seems to be in good shape physically.—China Mail Special.

Red Beard

Wearing a khaki shirt and shorts and a red beard, his equipment consists of a blanket, a torch, a mug, and a wrist compass.

To people who stopped, amazed, to see a white man walking through the heat of the day on the Equator, he said that he was making his trip "for the satisfaction of doing something no one else has done before."

"It is very much like climbing Mount Everest," he added. "I've met many people on my journey who said they wished when they had done the same thing when they were younger. Now they regret that they are too old to do it. I don't want to say that in the future."

Followed

Mr. Imlach's journey through Uganda took him to Tororo, Mbale and Soroti, in the east of the Protectorate.

From Soroti, he was heading north for the Sudan, hoping that the Sudanese authorities would grant him a permit to pass through the southern area in which the mutiny occurred recently.

He was followed by a crowd of Africans and Indians as he walked through the town of Mbale and had to answer innumerable questions while he was offered food and drink as he rested by the road.—China Mail Special.

NANCY

THAT WAS A SWELL MEAL---
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OLD DUTCH
WINDMILLS

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.

An experiment which may save many of Holland's centuries-old windmills from the decay and destruction with which they are threatened has begun in the small town of Hasselt near Zwolle.

The local windmill, which after generations of corn grinding could no longer be run economically, has now been entirely converted to produce electricity, bringing hope that other windmills may be saved in the same way.

The experiment has not come too soon, for thousands of windmills have already disappeared from the Dutch landscape in the last half century and many more are threatened with a similar fate.

The new project has been worked out by the local Electricity Board which decided that it must try to do something to save the famous "De Zwaluw" (The Swallow) mill from ruin when its miller announced that he could no longer make a living from grinding corn.

On the initiative of Mr. R. Baggerman, the Board's chief engineer and a fanatic lover of Holland's old windmills, plans were drawn up for functional changes in the mill which would not only allow it to produce electricity, but would also increase its potential output.

Long Study

Later, however, Mr. Baggerman came to the conclusion, after long study of the mill, that it could only be kept working if it were entirely turned over to producing electricity and gave up corn grinding.

In this he differed fundamentally from other scattered experiments which have been conducted in recent years to save the windmills by turning over only part of their production to electricity while still continuing to grind corn.

The windmill's new generator has been connected to the local grid and is expected to have a capacity of between 30,000 and 50,000 kilowatt hours a year—sufficient elec-

A Dutch windmill cannot work in a gale nor in a very light breeze. It needs a steady wind with a speed between 10 miles an hour and 23 miles an hour to work well. But these requirements are usually fairly easily fulfilled in Holland where a steady breeze seldom fails to blow over the flat country-side.

One of the new ideas which has been fitted to the Swallow mill at Hasselt to make it more efficient is a system to keep the sails turning into the wind so that they get full benefit.

Task Lighter

The mechanism is run electrically and is set automatically by a type of wind vane on top of the mill. Previously the miller had to shift the sails manually each time the wind changed direction.

The sails run the generator automatically and the miller therefore needs no special engineering knowledge to be able to continue to run his mill.

His task has also been made lighter by another of the Electricity Board's inventions to increase the mill's efficiency. This is an automatic device which regulates the amount of surface covered on the sails according to the strength of the wind.

The former canvas covering of the sails has been replaced by a type of hinged lattice, which, as the wind increases in force, opens away from the sail, allowing the air to pass through and thus presenting a smaller surface for the wind to catch.

The old system of canvas meant that as the wind increased or decreased, in force, the miller was obliged to stop the windmill and alter the amount of canvas covering the sails by hand.

Mr. Baggerman says that the mill will have to be in use for at least a year before it can be accurately determined whether it will be an economical experiment, warranting other conversions to electricity.

Voluntary

But he is optimistic that the project will be a success and allow the mill to hire the generator and other equipment now installed in his mill and make a yearly profit from the sale of electricity. The Board would buy the power which he produces.

Meanwhile, a voluntary organisation, the Society for the Protection of Windmills in Holland, is leading a campaign to save many more of the old mills. Town councils also seem to be becoming conscious of the value of windmills—both practical and aesthetic—and are allying funds for their restoration.

If large numbers of mills can be successfully converted to produce electricity, it will certainly do much to save Holland's old windmills from disappearance from the traditional picture of the Dutch landscape.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

RISE OF WAGES DID NOT CAUSE INFLATION IN BRITAIN

From Ronald Boxall

London, Dec. 12. Not even the most intrepid economist has dared venture into print this winter with a forecast for 1956. Economic prediction is a hazardous undertaking at the best of times. This year it would be downright foolhardy.

If he is to even hope for partial success the economic crystal gazer must be absolutely clear on what has gone before—and why. Few would pretend to know the definite answer to that.

The only thing on which economists agree at the moment is that Britain is going through another spell of inflation. But as to the precise degree of inflation or what caused it there are almost as many views as there are economists.

Nevertheless, most of them have now rejected the theory that the cause of the present inflation was the rapid rise of wages that took place this year. They may deplore it as one deplores a rash that comes with nestles, but they put the chief blame elsewhere.

Important Factor

Despite two rises in the bank rate and two budgets—one of them admittedly expansionary—the most important single factor in British economy this year has been the general feeling of optimism.

Full employment—and full wage packets—has been reflected in record sales of almost everything, but especially the goods associated with a high standard of living—television sets, washing machines and all the other paraphernalia of modern living.

With home sales booming industrialists have been trying to keep up with the demand. Labour has been at a premium—hence the rise of wages. But more important from the economist's point of view was the upsurge of factory building that took place this year.

The boom was already well under way at the beginning of 1955. In the year to the end of last March the figure for factory building started, measured in square yards, was 62 per cent higher than in the previous year, and 59 per cent higher than the average of the five preceding years.

These new factories in turn created demand for machinery to equip them and the boom pattern was complete.

Views Coincide

According to economist Roy Harrod, the huge increase in the number of factory "starts" was "quite out of line with normal rates of expansion and may be regarded as a fully adequate explanation of the troubles that followed."

As he pointed out last week in the *District Bank Review* "one cannot suddenly superimpose such a gigantic new burden on productive capacity and expect to avoid inflationary pressures."

On this point his view coincides with that of the Government whose spokesmen have irritated economists and confused the public with their variations on the theme "too much prosperity." The difference is only in the choice of words, reflecting the difference between economists and politicians' estimate of the intelligence of his audience.

If one accepts this diagnosis—and with slight differences of emphasis most economists do—one must also accept the cure which has been prescribed. Why then has the patient not responded to treatment? The answer, according to economist Harrod, is that there are two kinds of boom. One can be pricked like a bubble, but ours is the kind that can only be liquidated slowly.

No Forecast

"This boom," he writes, "consists of too many people trying to do too many things, each separately quite justifiable, at the same time. There is no bubble to be pricked. What is required is simply a continuous and progressive credit squeeze which will prevent new plants being embarked on and new orders being placed, until the order books can be shortened."

Mr Harrod does not attempt to make forecasts for 1956; he contented himself with a few general remarks on the sort of problems that are likely to

Rising Freight Rates For PI Sugar

Manila, Dec. 12. Representatives of the Philippine sugar industry have expressed grave concern over the rising freight rates to the US for the country's premier export commodity. It was reported today.

Shipping firms plying overseas trade have increased the rates to an all-time high of \$17 a ton, according to reports received here yesterday.

It was learned the level will rise further to \$17 a ton for shipment booked at the end of December with the rate scheduled to be revised to \$18 by February next year.

Shipping firms said these rates applied to shipments of Philippine sugar to the US coast were due to a shortage of bottoms.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

More Definite

Mr Harrod is far more definite in his views on the "central question." Convertibility will have to await events. But the basic question, he says, "can be settled now, namely whether in the event of convertibility we seek to rely on bank rate changes or on changes in the foreign exchange rate to correct short-term maladjustments. What is quite certain is that these weapons are alternatives and mutually exclusive. With a flexible exchange rate the bank rate becomes inoperative in its influence on short-term capital movements. Our path to convertibility will certainly be made easier if we can persuade ourselves that the bank rate is the superior weapon."

But the difficulty Mr Harrod foresees could arise when the external situation pointed to a raising of the bank rate while internal conditions pointed to required easier credit conditions. His answer to this is to revive Lord Keynes' suggestion, in the days of the gold standard, that it ought to be possible to combine such movements of the bank rate as were required to correct international short-term capital flows with—possibly—opposite movements in general credit policy to provide an expansionary or restrictionist effect on the domestic economy.

Surely Agree

At the time this was thought to be impossible, but Mr Harrod claims that the recent events have shown otherwise.

His fellow economists might be sceptical on this point but they would surely agree with Mr Harrod that the Government should make up its mind on this "central issue."

"Postponement of a decision on this issue last spring," he said, "was the true cause of our requiring a second budget; further postponement could have far more serious consequences for the whole of the sterling area."

London Markets Drop Fractions

London, Dec. 12. Uncertainty over Wall Street's possible reactions to the latest health bulletin on President Eisenhower combined to drive most sections fractionally lower on the London Stock Exchange today.

Industrial stocks moved narrowly and showed a few small losses.

Dollar stocks were marked down after trading firm through which they are sold.

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Gold shares maintained a slight lead by some 10 points but were not able to hold on to the lead.

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Leading Stocks Drop On N.Y. Market

New York, Dec. 12.

Leading stocks dropped a point to more than 2 points today and the market overall lost more than \$1,000,000,000 of valuations, but the decline nevertheless, was without pressure.

Biggest losses came in shares where profit-taking was in order after the recent gains which lifted industrial stocks to new all-time highs.

Trading lightened on the move,

with turnover totalling 2,510,000 shares, compared with 2,680,000 on Friday.

Uncertainty stemming from the latest news on President Eisenhower's health was mentioned as an excuse for selling but market men generally saw the down turn as a normal technical correction after the move to new highs last week.

Of total 1,210 issues traded 667 finished lower on the day while only 378 advanced.

Steels Hit

Steels were hit hard with Bethlehem off more than 3 points, Youngstown Sheet and Tube and US Steel each off more than 1.

Chrysler dropped more than 2 in the motors and General Motors declined more than a point.

Du Pont dropped nearly 2 in the chemicals.

Industrialists on average were down 3.02 on the day while the rails lost \$1.

Declines in the rails ranged around a point in Baltimore & Ohio, Canadian Pacific, Kansas City Southern, among others.

There were good gains in both groups, however. Southern Railway spurted 2 in the rails.

In Industrials, coppers were in demand. Magma gained more than 4, Copper Range more than 2.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,400,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 960,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials 463.72

20 rails 163.71

15 utilities 93.45

40 bonds 172.35

Comm. future price index 162.00

Moddy's index 404.65

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals 612.84

Allis Chalmers 66

American Cyanamide 60.61

Amer. Mach. & F. dry. 24.41

American Metal 50.14

Amer. Sugar Ref. 60.61

American Tel & Tel 178.71

American Tob "B" 62.61

Anaconda Copper 16.17

Andover 14.17

Andover-Lake Ham 14.17

Baltimore & Ohio 46.15

Bendix Aviation Corp. 12.51

Bethlehem Steel 12.51

Borden (Chem.) Co. 64.14

Burroughs Add Machine 31.16

Canadian Pacific R. 36

Case (J.I.) Co. 45.14

Caterpillar Corp. 45.64

Cat. Tractor 60.61

Celanese Corp. 20.18

Chrysler Motors 47.15

Continental Oil of Del. 40

Continental Steel 27.15

Com. Products 28.21

Curtis Wright 40.41

Diamond Alkali 40.41

Dow Chemicals 22.71

Dupont de Nemours 22.71

El Paso National Gas 47

Erie Railroad 21.24

Fairchild Corp. 45.61

General Motors 47.15

General Mills 37.71

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The Customer Is Always Right

HE was wheeling a bicycle along a street near King's Cross, a frayed man, in his middle-sixties. From time to time, he treated the bicycle to a look in which contempt and loathing were about equally mixed.

Two men approached the frayed man, whose name was Fred. He saw them as savours who might relieve him of the hated machine.

"Hey," he called out, "here, you, like to buy this bicycle? Give me a quid for it, eh? It only wants a saddle."

"We are police officers," one of the strangers said. "Where did you get the bicycle?"

LITTER

FRED spun an elaborate yarn about finding the bicycle left to rot on some waste ground behind the lodging-house that had been his home. The police were not satisfied. Fred was arrested.

At Clerkenwell he pleaded not guilty to stealing a saddle-less green bicycle valued £4 10s. The story of Fred's attempt at a sale was told to the magistrate, Mr Frank Powell.

"Any questions?" the magistrate asked Fred.

"Yes," he answered promptly. "They say that bike's worth £4 10s. I'd say you could only regard it as litter."

"Has no one claimed the machine?" the magistrate asked. "No one, sir," came the reply. "If you ask me," said Fred, "that bike's what we call a 'tarp'."

"A 'tarp'? What's that?" asked the magistrate.

TOTTENHAM TAPPERS

"TAPS come from Tottenham," Fred said, as if it were common knowledge that such was the case. "Tappers are all from Tottenham, and all Tottenham's tappers."

"Oh," said the magistrate. He found the case proved.

"Is he all right in the head, do you think?" the magistrate asked.

"I'm more than all right up there," Fred said, to save the police officer the trouble of answering. But the policeman would not be spared. "I think

he's all right, sir. He says his relations won't have anything to do with him."

PRISON PASSES THE TIME

"MY brother's a manufacturer," Fred said. "There's nothing wrong with him 'cept his throat's not been cut."

"This man," the police officer went on, "did a job for a few days in a feather firm, and got paid £1 a day. He said he couldn't stand it, and left."

"It's my brother who was the dirty dog who first put me in court," Fred said, harking back to family matters.

"It seems a matter of indifference to you whether you go to prison or not," said the magistrate.

"Well, prison passes the time," Fred said. "But it'd be cheaper to let me go. It costs six or seven quid a week to keep me in prison, doesn't it? Something like that."

A MEDICAL REPORT

"I'M going to remand you for a medical report," said the magistrate, "and for the probation officer to make inquiries."

"Just as you like," Fred said amiably. He ambled off, seemingly content, with an unloving glance at the bicycle nobody claimed.

The police seemed in doubt as to what they should do with it; for a moment it looked as though Fred was going to offer a suggestion. But he forbore from comment, and went out in silence.

BECAME BORED

London, Dec. 13. Joyce Ainger, a 19-year-old English girl gave up her attempt to beat the world record for continuous roller skating last night after skating for 90 hours and one minute at Aylesbury.

Miss Ainger aimed at 61 hours. She said she gave up because she was bored and not because of any physical hardship. —Reuter.



Richard Tennessen is "received" at the Hongkong border this morning. Flanking the American soldier is Mr. Richard Tomlin of the American Red Cross, and Mr. A. L. Gordon, Senior Supt., Hongkong Police. — Staff Photographer.

UN Calls For Implementation Of Disarmament Measures

New York, Dec. 12. The United Nations today called on all states concerned to agree on the early implementation of all "measures of adequately safeguarded disarmament now feasible".

The General Assembly's political committee adopted a western resolution which would give priority as an initial step to comprehensive disarmament, to President Eisenhower's "open sky" proposals and Soviet Marshal Bulganin's scheme for setting up control posts at strategic centres.

Radio Hongkong

H.I.T. 6:30: Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6:35: Stock Market Report; 6:45: Favourite M. Idiots for Port; 6:50: Dancing; Harry Davidson and Friends; 6:55: Adventure in Music; "Hello, You and Me, Music Lovers"; Threes Illustrate Talks by Sir Malcolm Sargent, No. 3: "Why do we like music?" (BBC1); 7:00: Special Announcements; 7:10: "First Reading"; 7:15: "The Big Book" (BBC1); 7:20: "The Naturalist" (roduced by Maxwell Knight); "Plant and Animal Inventions"; Edward Llewellyn and Dr. Maurice Burton (BBC1); 8:00: "The English Half Hour—Bingo"; 8:15: "The English Half Hour—Bingo"; 9:00: "Tin Signal"; BBC2: Variety Parade; Petie Sellers, Harry Secombe, Spike Milligan, in "The Go-Go Show"; 9:05: Weather Report; 9:10: "The English Half Hour"; 9:15: "Neechi Sewing Machine Programme—Featuring the Music of India"; 9:20: Coke Time; Starring Eddie Fisher and Anne Francis; 9:25: "The English Half Hour"; 9:30: "Shadows of Doubt"; Presented by Colgate-Palmolive Company; 9:35: "Time Signal and the Weather Report"; 9:40: "The English Half Hour"; 9:45: "Neechi Sewing Machine Programme—Featuring the Music of India"; 9:50: Coke Time; Starring Eddie Fisher and Anne Francis; 9:55: "The English Half Hour"; 10:00: "Shadows of Doubt"; Presented by Colgate-Palmolive Company; 10:05: "Time Signal and the Weather Report"; 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